# **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

# Journal of the Senate

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Second Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable President Pro Tempore, John C. Revens, Jr., at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 37: The Honorable President Montalbano and Senators Algiere, Alves, Badeau, Bates, Blais, Breene, Caprio, Celona, Ciccone, Connors, Cote, Damiani, DaPonte, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gibbs, Goodwin, Issa, Lanzi, Lenihan, McBurney, McCaffrey, Paiva-Weed, Parella, Perry, Pichardo, Polisena, Raptakis, Revens, Roberts, Ruggerio, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Tassoni, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 1: Senator Irons

### **INVOCATION**

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senate President Montalbano, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senate President Montalbano, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

#### APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 6, 2004 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ruggerio and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

#### **GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senators McBurney, Issa and Alves and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber members of President Montalbano's family, his father Anthony Montalbano and his brother, the Honorable Mark Montalbano, former State Representative from the City of Pawtucket.

Upon suggestion of Senators Sheehan and Lenihan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore welcomes to the Chamber from Pack 5, Den 4, North Kingstown, Den Leader Ernie Ricci, Assistant Den Leader Lori Pederzani, Jonathan Ricci, Paul Pederzani, Chase Maine, Drew Murphy, Corey Fogg, Zachary Sullivan, Connor Silva, Travis Delaney and Alex Smith.

#### PRE-FILED

The following item was pre-filed and referred to committee.

Senate Bill No.2001

BY Issa

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES - DISABLED VETERANS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill No.<u>2002</u> **BY** Celona, Gibbs **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Senate Bill No.<u>2003</u> **BY** Celona **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No.2004

BY Celona

## ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Constitutional and Gaming Issues

Senate Bill No.2005

BY Celona

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No.2006

BY Celona

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE SAFETY CODE BOARD OF APPEAL AND REVIEW

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No.2007

BY Celona

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No.2008

BY Celona

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No.2009

BY Celona

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Bill No.2010

BY Celona

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Resolution No.2011

BY Raptakis, Fogarty P, Paiva-Weed, Connors, Damiani

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Rules

Senate Bill No.2012

BY Tassoni, Polisena, Connors, Felag, Fogarty P

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No.2013

BY Celona, Tassoni, Connors, Blais, Breene

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No.2014

BY Tassoni

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE

Read and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Ruggerio, seconded by Senator Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

RAYMOND T. HOYAS, JR. Secretary of the Senate

# **Appendix**

#### INVOCATION

#### PRESIDENT JOSEPH A. MONTALBANO

Lord, we pray for your guidance in understanding the problems and issues we will face during this new General Assembly session. May our actions always be guided by your supreme law of love and tolerance. Amen.